# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are considering to allow 90% grant and 10% loan for Non-conventional sources of Energy in the Sunderban areas of West Bengal as well as in some inaccessible areas in the country, where conventional power is not possible;

(b) if so, the recommendations of Planning Commission in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the recommendations are likely to be implemented?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): Central Financial Assistance in the form of grants to the extent of 90% is already being provided for North Eastern States and Sikkim. Suggestions have been made for extending similar Central Financial Assistance to other Special Category States identified by the Planning Commission and certain other remote and inaccessible regions in the country, including Sunderbans area of West Bengal.

(b)&(c ) : No specific recommendation has been received from Planning Commission to allow 90% grant and 10% loan for Non-Conventional Sources of Energy in the Sunderbans area of West Bengal and in certain other inaccessible areas in the country.